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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, NU  
SUBJECT: FATIMA GEORDY CASE

REF: MANAGUA 2786, PARA 9

1. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE NEW AND POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SHOOTING DEATH OF 15 YEAR-OLD FATIMA GEORDY MORALES (PARA 9 REFTEL). THE MILITARY INVESTIGATION BOARD HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE BULLET WHICH KILLED FATIMA WAS .30 CALIBER, A SIZE USED BOTH IN SPORTING AND MILITARY WEAPONS.

2. A NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED MAN, WHO HAS ADMITTED ACCIDENTAL FIRING OF HIS WEAPON, HAS BEEN REMANDED TO A MILITARY COURT (CONSEJO DE GUERRA) FOR TRIAL.

3. COMMENT: THUS FAR, THE CASE REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT TEST OF NICARAGUAN MILITARY JUSTICE. IF THIS CASE LEADS TO A FINDING OF GUILT AGAINST THE ACCUSED (EVEN IF INVOLUNTARY) COUPLED WITH APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT, IT WILL BE THE ONLY RECENT INSTANCE IN WHICH A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL GUARDSMAN HAS BEEN DISCIPLINED THROUGH THE MILITARY COURT SYSTEM FOR A MISDEED. WHILE DIFFICULT TO EXTRAPOLATE ON THE LONG-RANGE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH A DECISION DUE TO THE LOW-RANK OF THE ACCUSED, IT WILL REPRESENT A POSITIVE INDICATION OF STEPS TOWARD FORCING ACCEPTANCE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY ON THE GUARD.  
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